



LIBRARY COMMISSION MINUTES

Regular Meeting of Tuesday, January 7, 2003
Woodland Library
1975 Grant Road, Los Altos, CA

ROLL CALL

Chairperson Thurber called the meeting to order at 5:35 p.m.

Present: Chairperson Thurber and Commissioners, Iskow, Lopez, McNulty Winkler and Dr. Takle Quinn.
Absent: Commissioner Busetti and Lamparter.
Also Present: County Librarian Melinda Cervantes, Los Altos Community Librarian Cheryl Houts, Friends of the Library Chair Donna Drako and City of Los Altos Liaison Donna Legge. Various students attended from Los Altos High School.

REPORTS

Cheryl Houts, Los Altos Community Librarian

Cheryl distributed the monthly public suggestions and comments. Her announcements included upcoming events and library attractions.

Melinda Cervantes, County Librarian

Melinda has served in her new position a little under two weeks. She has since attended the Library JPA and staff meetings. It is anticipated that there will be budget cuts. Other funding sources include vehicle license fees and the Public Library Fund. The Cupertino library has moved to a temporary location for approximately two years. The ground breaking for the new library will be held on Wednesday, January 8 at 2:00 p.m. Melinda is working on getting to know staff and commissioners.

Donna Drako, Friends of the Library

Donna reported that the Friends have donated funds to purchase adult furniture (\$15,000) and youth furniture (\$44,000) for the library. The lighting for the library sign is currently being installed. The next used book sale is scheduled for January 17, 18 and 19.

Dr. Karen Takle Quinn, LALE

LALE is currently working on the collection and purchasing of science and technology books for the Vision 21 Program. Karen explained what the Los Altos Library Endowment (LALE) program

is including the web site, nine directors and its mission to increase financial support for the library's services, collections, equipment, facilities and programs. Over \$21,000 has been contributed to the Santa Clara County Library system. LALE is working on a boilerplate for endowments. Karen announced that National Library Week would be held the week of April 6. Bookmarks will promote the event.

NEW BUSINESS

Mary Lou Ferguson – Public Sculpture Committee Proposal

Mary Lou announced that she was a member of the Public Sculpture Committee that was recently reinstated and charged with the mission to update the Sculpture Loan Program sponsored by the City. Mary Lou announced the Committee's proposal to relocate the Magic Fish sculpture in the same spot or near the existing location of the Animal Form sculpture that will be returned to the artist. She also announced that while the Friends donated the Zooscaples sculpture to the City. The Sculpture Committee does not recommend that the City accept the sculpture until some minor repairs can be done to the sculpture.

ONGOING BUSINESS

Parcel Tax Election

Jim announced that the current parcel tax for library funds expires in 2004. It is recommended that a committee be set up to campaign and work on the proposed measure. The State parcel rate is approximately \$240. It is also recommended that the friends be included in the project.

Outdoor Study Area

Legge announced that a project like the outdoor study area would be a low priority to City staff and would be up against other competitive projects. Cheryl reported that the library staff had some issues related to problems that other libraries had experienced with outdoor study areas. Examples included the lack of cleanliness, emergency exits, security and stolen materials. It was recommended that public input be solicited. The library staff recommends that a silent study area be considered over an outdoor reading area.

Library Landscape Project

Staff is working with city staff to coordinate a volunteer workday and the establishment of routine maintenance to the library landscape.

ADJOURNMENT

Meeting was adjourned at 6:50 p.m.

Donna Legge, Recreation Supervisor
Liaison to the Library Commission